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[redacted] Fred Durst, Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, telephoned to say that the Senate Foreign Relations Committee will probably call Mr. McCone for a briefing in executive session on the nuclear test ban treaty on 16 August. A memo was forwarded to General Carter regarding this with a copy to Mr. Knaeche.

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[redacted] Russ Blandford, House Armed Services Committee staff, telephoned to say Subcommittee No. 1 will not take up the CIA retirement legislation bill next week as had been anticipated and the Subcommittee will be unable to do so until about the 21st of August.

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[redacted] Ewing Mass, Administrative Assistant to Senator Thomas Kuchel, called to say he had discussed with the Senator the [redacted] matter and the Senator had asked if I would brief Mr. Mass on this. I talked with Mass in considerable detail regarding [redacted] including information on his background, associations and activities. I told him that

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[redacted] was well known to us and had been sending us material since as early as 1959, and that while we consider him a fabricator of reports, his information was reviewed by our people. I indicated that while he frequently had some correct information, his conclusions and speculations were usually erroneous. As to the substance of the article by George Todt, I indicated that there was no question but that there was a rift in Sino-Soviet relations, adding that if this were a sham it certainly was at a tremendous cost. Mass said this would have been their feeling also. Mass thanked me for this information which he said he would pass on to the Senator. He does not anticipate that they will desire anything further on this.

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[redacted] Handcarried to William Darden, Senate Armed Services Committee staff. General Carter's letter to the Chairman on the budget.

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[redacted] George Murphy, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy staff, called and asked for a copy of NIE II-3-63. I told him I had two others on my desk which I was sending to him but I was not familiar with II-3-63. I told him I would look into it, however, and let him know. OSI is checking on this for us.